

# Household Pulse Survey User Notes

## Phase 3.3

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### [Release Note on Phase 3.3 Collection of the Household Pulse Survey](#)

Following a nearly two-month break in data collection, the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) has now entered Phase 3.3. Beginning with the Week 40 release (collection period December 1 – December 13, 2021), there have been multiple changes to the questionnaire, including the addition of new questions, the adjustment of existing questions, and the removal of some questions for which utility has declined over time (see Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire below).

Phase 3.3 is currently scheduled to collect data into February 2022. Although previous phases of the survey collected and disseminated data every two weeks, Phase 3.3 has shifted to a two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach, with the following anticipated collection periods and data releases.

Week 40 - December 1 - December 13, 2021 (data released on December 22, 2021)

Week 41 - December 29, 2021 - January 10, 2022 (data released January 19, 2022)

Week 42 - January 26 - February 7, 2022 (data released February 16, 2022)

Users can access the Phase 3.3 questionnaire on the [Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus \(COVID-10\) Pandemic](#) website, and all previous questionnaires from the survey are available on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

### [Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire](#)

#### [New Questions for Phase 3.3](#)

Beginning with Week 40 (collection period December 1, 2021 – December 13, 2021), the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire changed to include the following items:

- Two questions focused on transportation have been returned to the questionnaire from previous phases: one asking about behavior before the COVID-19 pandemic began (PRVRIDESHHR) and another focused on the previous 7 days (FEWRTRANS).
- A new question asks about the specific brand of COVID-19 vaccine received (BRAND).
- A series of questions about unemployment insurance have been returned to the survey from previous phases (UI\_APPLYRV, UI\_RECVRV, UI\_RECVMOW).

#### [Updated Questions for Phase 3.3](#)

Additionally, adjusted questionnaire items include:

- The previously asked question about plans for receiving all required COVID-19 vaccinations has been replaced with an item asking about the specific number of vaccinations received (NUMDOSES).

- The previously asked question about vaccine hesitancy for households with children ages 12-17 has been expanded to also include households with children ages 5-11 (KIDDOSES).

### Removed Questions for Phase 3.3

During this same collection period, the following questions were removed from the survey due to a decline in their utility:

- The series of questions asking about summer educational activities have been removed from the survey instrument (SUMMER\_ED1-SUMMER\_ED4).

### Release Note on Updated Phase 3.3 Table Specifications

Data users can find the most updated table specifications on the main [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

### Education Table 1

This table was formerly titled Education Table 2a and has been updated due to changes in the questionnaire.

### Education Tables 1a, 1b, and 1c

Based on changes to the questionnaire, these tables have all been discontinued for Phase 3.3.

### Education Table 2

New table showing childcare arrangements in the last 4 weeks for children ages 5-11.

### Employment Tables 5 and 6

Based on the return of unemployment insurance items to the questionnaire, these two tables have been returned to the HPS table package.

### Food Tables 3 and 4

These tables now include the following footnote about defining food insufficiency.

*Although definitions of food insufficiency may vary, based on the way food security questions are asked in the Household Pulse Survey, this table includes breakdowns of households with “Enough food, but not always the kinds wanted.” Data users are encouraged to pay careful attention to table labels and column definitions.*

### Health Tables 5a and 6a

For Phase 3.3 response option “Experience side effects from first dose” was replaced with response option “Believe one dose is enough protection” and the stubs for both these tables now reflect that change.

### Health Table 5a

Labels and specification for columns E-H have been updated to reflect change in survey content. This table formerly sourced a question about plans for receiving all required COVID-19 vaccinations but now relies on a question about the specific number of vaccine doses received.

### Health Table 6a

The universe for this table has been updated to no longer include the constraint about not planning to receive all required doses since that question is no longer asked on the questionnaire.

### Health Tables 5b and 6b

Based on changes to the questionnaire, these tables have an updated universe to reflect households with children ages 5-11, whereas previously these tables only had data for households with children ages 12-17. The stub for Health Table 5b has also been updated to reflect changes to the question about vaccine hesitancy.

### Housing Tables 1a and 2a

Former column D (labeled “Owned free and clear”) has been moved to the next to last column of both these tables.

### Housing Tables 1b and 2b

Former column D (labeled “Occupied without rent”) has been moved to the next to last column of both these tables. Also, the question about rental assistance has been added to the stubs.

### Transportation Table 1

Based on the return of transportation items to the questionnaire, this table has been returned to the HPS table package.

### Release Note on COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker](#), which focused on the number of Americans receiving at least one-dose of a COVID-vaccine and attitudes towards the vaccines, has been discontinued following Phase 3.2 of the survey. The tracker was published from April 14 to October 20, 2021, and data users can continue to access an archived version of the visualization on the [HPS Research and Presentations](#) webpage or via the [Census Bureau’s interactive data visualization gallery](#).